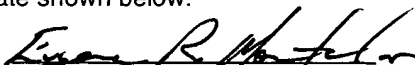




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 7 DECEMBER 2006

Dear Sir:

Attorney for Applicant in the above-captioned application hereby responds to the Office Action mailed 7 December 2006. At the time the Office Action issued, claims 1 to 7 and claim 9 were pending.